GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
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Reduction in Use of Coal
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is trying to reduce the use of coal in power plants and other industries like iron, steel, cement etc;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of coal required for power plants and other industries, as on date; and

(d) the status of domestic production and imports made, as of now?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (I/C)FOR COAL, POWER, NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) & (b): The Coal based generation as well as consumption of coal have been consistently increasing during the preceding years. However, the government is now focusing on capacity addition of Renewable Energy Sources to meet the demand and to reduce dependency on coal for generation of electricity.
The coal based generation and coal consumption (reported by power utilities) by the power utilities during the last three years and current year (Apr'16 to Sep'16) are as under: -
Year Coal based Generation (BUs) Growth (%) Coal Consumption (Million Tonnes) Growth (%)
2013-14 713.85 - 489.4 -
2014-15 800.33 12.11 530.4 8.38
2015-16 862.02 7.71 545.9 2.92
2015-16 (Upto Sep"15) 412.72 - 265.05 -
2016-17 (Upto Sep"16) 440.98 6.85 279.45 5.43

In the non-regulated sector, that includes Cement, Sponge Iron, Captive Power Plant, Others, there has been a linkage auction of 22.14 MTPA in 2016-17 (till October, 2016) under the policy of linkage auction. There is an increase of about 10 MTPA in coal linkage to non-regulated sector.

(c): As per initial estimate, coal demand for 2016-17 has been assessed to be 884.87 Million Tonnes of which 598.73 Million Tonnes has been assessed to be the coal demand of power utility sector, 91.11 MT for Captive Power, 34.37 MT for Cement, 24.05 MT for Sponge Iron and 80.00 for Others.

(d):the status of domestic production and imports of coal duringthe last three years and current year is givenin the table given below:

All India Domestic Production and Import of Coal (in million tonnes)
Year 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16 2016-17
Production 565.77 609.18 639.23* 330.65#
Import 166.86 217.78 199.88* 86.59@
*(Provisional) # (upto October, 2016), @ (Upto August, 2016)

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